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1. Union internationale des voyageurs

Special, 2011

Introduction

Union Internationale des Voyageurs (UIV) keeps children and travellers safe by promoting evidence-based injury prevention interventions and continuing to pursue the development of transport infrastructure and improve the delivery of services in collaboration with governments, organizations, and United Nations entities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In order to create an accessible, affordable, reliable, effective and efficient transport system that meets user needs, UIV aims to ensure the provision, expansion and maintenance of transport infrastructure and services and to enhance the use of new technology that will strengthen the institutional capacity to facilitate the implementation of transport sector programmes and projects. UIV further wants to integrate land use, transport planning, development planning and service provision and aims to review, develop and strengthen the appropriate legal, environmental and regulatory framework that will ensure an efficient transport system and encourage and promote Public Private Partnerships (PPP).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization undertook the following activities in support of the work of the United Nations:

- Campaign to eliminate high transport costs, school fee problems and violence against children;
- Advocacy work for the integration of issues of road safety and transportation with wider public health and environmental issues. Establishment of a broad coalition supporting road injury prevention and strengthening the appropriate legal, environmental and regulatory framework that will ensure an efficient transport system in deprived areas; and
- With the support by the government of Ghana, provision of funding opportunities that will be established to support transportation and road safety by creating solidarity for members of the association.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UIV developed and implemented a comprehensive and integrated transportation policy addressing the needs of school children toward MDG 2.

2. Union nationale des femmes marocaines

Special, 1999

Introduction

Union Nationale des Femmes Marocaines (UNFM), a public-interest association founded in 1969, has 70 regional associations, 350 apprenticeship centres, 7 vocational training centres and 27 counselling centres.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of UNFM is to improve the situation of women in all social and economic areas in order to enable women to take advantage of all material and moral resources.

Significant changes in the organization

Union Nationale des Femmes Marocaines has changed its governance structures and scope. The new name of UNFM is Union Nationale des Femmes du Maroc, so as to include non-Moroccan women living in Morocco.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNFM signed a framework agreement with the PROGETTOMONDO organization whose purpose is to defend human rights and, in particular, to protect the rights of women. In March 2013, UNFM organized an international congress on rural women as development partners with a view to the preparation of a plan of action for following up on MDGs with regard to women through 2025. UNFM launched an international brainstorming event with the participation of civil society representatives from all continents to present a vision of civil society for the post-2015 MDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Sixteenth, twentieth and twenty-first regular sessions of the Human Rights Council of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, held at Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February-25 March 2011, 18 June-6 July 2012 and 10-28 September 2012;
- Sixteenth annual conference of Women for Peace in the Middle-East, held on 27-28 June 2012 during the twentieth regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has concluded partnership agreements with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Moreover, it has carried out activities with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UNFM, in cooperation with the European Union and the PROGETTOMONDO association, has launched the project "La Force des Femmes" (The Strength of Women), aimed at contributing effectively to the elimination of violence against women, in support of MDG 3. In connection with MDG 8, UNFM has set up African partnership networks for development.

3. Union of International Associations

Special, 1951

Introduction

The Union of International Associations (UIA) was founded in 1907 and registered under Belgian law in 1910. Non-profit, apolitical, independent, and non-governmental in nature, the UIA has been a pioneer in the research, monitoring and provision of information on international organizations, international associations and their global challenges since 1907.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The UIA is a platform for global civil society cooperation, collaborating with, providing services to, and promoting international associations. It encourages and facilitates cooperation between international associations, between international associations and the public sector, and between international associations and the private sector, by providing easily accessible, reliable and comprehensive information on global civil society actors.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The UIA continues to document the evolution and nature of global civil society, as it has done since its founding. The UIA considers its work of collecting and documenting global civil society to be of vital importance to any United Nations activity involving civil society actors.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 2008 to 2013, the UIA maintained the civil society database of the NGO Section of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) under a special contract with the organization. UIA maintains (informal) contacts with all other United Nations bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. United Cities and Local Governments

General, 1947

Introduction

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) represents and defends the interests of local governments on the world stage. The global organization has over 255,000 local and regional government members worldwide, as well as 155 local and regional government association members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UCLG's mission is to be the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-governments by promoting cooperation between local governments and the wider international community. UCLG supports international cooperation between cities and their associations and facilitates programmes, networks and partnerships to build the capacities of local governments.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As facilitator of the Global Taskforce of local and regional governments for the post-2015 process and the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), UCLG has enhanced the representation of local and regional governments at the United Nations in close collaboration with its sister networks, including the Local Authorities Major Group. In recent years, UCLG has actively participated in the post-2015 process, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), the Development Cooperation Forum and Habitat III. UCLG publishes triennial reports on the state of local democracy and decentralization (GOLD reports) and position papers on the local impact of most global policy issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;

– United Nations Economic and Social Council Integration Segment on Sustainable Urbanization, New York, 27-29 May 2014; and

– High-level Political Forum on sustainable development, where UCGL defended the importance of localizing the 2030 Agenda, New York, 30 June-9 July 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UCLG has Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with all relevant United Nations agencies. UCLG was appointed to the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons for the Post-2015 Development Agenda in 2012. UCLG is an active member of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) local governments and municipal authorities' constituency and co-leads the Local Authorities Major Group in the Climate Negotiations at the Conference of Parties (COP). UCLG works with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to support the development and implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UCLG led several advocacy campaigns at global and local levels to promote the role of local governments in the achievement of the MDGs, and is currently publishing guides on the post-2015 agenda for local governments.

5. United Help for International Children

Special, 2011

Introduction

United Help for International Children (UHIC) is a Korean NGO incorporated in 2004, whose mission is to make this world better by improving the health of children. UHIC has a strong focus on the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 4.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UHIC's aims to reduce child morbidity, strengthen the immune system of children, and enhance a sense of hygiene and sanitation among residents.

Significant changes in the organization

UHIC's constitution was amended during the reporting period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UHIC has invested US$ 811,557 on its projects that comprise operating a health centre, training people, building houses, and buying local products to meet the agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. During the reporting period, UHIC trained keepers to prevent diseases of children under age 10 in remote villages. Through these keepers, UHIC implements childhood health services such as child databases, anti-malaria programmes, and the distribution of vital nutrition.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Between 2011 and 2014, UHIC has contributed to the attainment of MDG 4 in Tanzania through the following projects:

- The operation of the Early Childhood Health Centre, through which 79,413 children were cured; 19 toilets built; 60, 945 residents trained; and 3,947 insecticide mosquito nets distributed.
- The Keeper Project thanks to which 6,485 children were cared for and 4,515 children cured.

6. United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women

Special, 2011

Introduction

United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM UK) is the legally-recognized voice in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and supports its programmes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UNIFEM UK supports UN Women and its international programmes through fundraising, parliamentary briefings, and awareness-raising.

Significant changes in the organization

When the General Assembly of the United Nations created UN Women in July 2010, all UNIFEM national committees became national committees of UN Women, including UNIFEM UK, which was registered then as UN Women United Kingdom National Committee on 25 June 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNIFEM UK financially supports several initiatives for the empowerment of women, such as UN Women's African Young Women Leadership Programme; UN Women's Cambodia Office programme to improve bamboo handicraft industry to enhance women's economic empowerment and eradicate poverty; and a co-sponsored event with the Sri Lankan Campaign for Peace and Justice to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. In 2012, UNIFEM UK launched the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEP) to industry leaders and media and

followed up in 2013 with the establishment of a Corporate Advisory Group of global companies to raise awareness of gender issues and to financially support UN Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNIFEM UK attended the 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, and sponsored parallel events, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014. The organization also attended the 22nd Regular Session of Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, 22 February-25 March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNIFEM UK is continuously working with UN Women on the establishment of UN Women National Committees, awareness-raising events, and the private sector leadership advisory group. The organization further provided US$ 707,850 for UN Women's development programmes.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All the organization's activities and fundraising support MDGs 1 and 3. The organization annually observes International Women's Day, 8 March, and participates in events for 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence campaign, 25 November-10 December.

7. United Nations Association of Russia

General, 1999

Introduction

United Nations Association of Russia (UNA Russia) is an international non-governmental organization, established in 1956.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization supports the United Nations as defined in the United Nations Charter. In particular, it aims to assist in maintaining peace and security; develop friendly relations and cooperation among nations to solve international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character; and promote and encourage respect for human rights. An important focus of the Association is its youth programme.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNA Russia has hosted conferences with the Ufa Law Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in 2011 and 2013 on the State and human rights. UNA Russia annually celebrates United Nations Day. On 23 April 2011, UNA Russia

organized a visit of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at MGIMO-University in Russia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNA Russia participated in the following meetings:

- 36th Session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) General Conference, 25 October-10 November 2011;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012; and
- 5th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, 27-28 February 2013, Vienna, Austria.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNA Russia presented its report "Regions of Russia and the UN Millennium Development Goals — 2011" to the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in New York. The 2nd Youth Seminar was successfully co-hosted with UNA-Argentina in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 29 June-1 July 2011. On 15 July 2013, the international multimedia press centre RIA Novosti hosted a meeting of representatives of the United Nations Foundation and the UNA-Russia delegation.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In March 2011, the organization wrote a "Letter to the President of the Russian Federation — Rio+20 — The Future We Want". UNA Russia's annual report addressed the regions of Russia and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2012. The annual Moscow International Model United Nations is one of the programmes of the organization. It addressed the MDG agenda during the reporting period.

8. United Nations Association of San Diego

Special, 1999

Introduction

The United Nations Association of San Diego (UNA-USA San Diego), established in 1946, acts as the San Diego Ambassador to the United Nations with its mission to "help the United Nations helping the world".

Aims and purposes of the organization

The San Diego Chapter of the UNA Association focuses on advocacy efforts and education programmes through public events and collaborations based on the United Nations development agenda. The organization acts as San Diego's Ambassador to the United Nations by linking the local community with the United Nations and serving as Policy Research Centre to residents of San Diego, United States of America, on global Issues. Through public events, fundraisers, advocacy

and symposiums, it expands general understanding of global issues and mobilises citizens in order to influence legislation.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization merged with the United Nations Foundation (UNF) in 2009.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNA-USA San Diego founded the local Centre of Policy Research on United Nations and Global Issues. It advocates in support of United Nations funding in San Diego and in Washington DC, United States, and annually celebrates United Nations holidays such as Human Rights Day and United Nations Day with events and high-level guests. The organization hosts Annual Model United Nations in collaboration with universities and Rotary Clubs and holds strong collaborations with local community members and organizations to advocate and educate on the United Nations. It has hosted informal meetings on issues related to the United Nations and has created a local working group on indigenous peoples to stress the diplomatic work of United Nations and call congressional representatives for action.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNA-USA San Diego participated in the following meetings:

- 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013 and 10-21 March 2014;
- 45th session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development (CPD), New York, 23-27 April 2012;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;
- High-level Event on the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda, 25 September 2013; and
- 13th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 12-23 May 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNA-USA San Diego works closely with the National Commission of the United Nations Educational and Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the San Diego Balboa Park and supports other United Nations bodies through fundraising and advocacy.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

UNA-USA San Diego formed the Special Working Group Post-2015 Agenda focusing on the transition from the MDGs to the SDGs. The organization hosted the 1st Civic Consultation on Post-2015 with 85 San Diegans attending. The summarized findings were sent to the United States State Department and the United States Permanent Mission to the United Nations for consideration in September 2015.

9. United Religions Initiative

Special, 2007

Introduction

United Religions Initiative (URI) is a global grassroots interfaith network comprised of 650,000 members that cultivates peace and justice by engaging people to bridge religious and cultural differences and work together for the good of their communities and the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

URI works to promote enduring daily interfaith cooperation to end religiously motivated violence and create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

URI programmes routinely engage in interreligious and intercultural dialogue and community actions throughout the world. Examples include the ongoing global campaign "Talking Back To Hate" to address hate speech and the Global Indigenous Gathering in 2014. URI worked with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) to produce the September 2011-2014 annual International Day of Peace Student Observances. URI was instrumental in organizing World Interfaith Harmony Week events annually during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

URI participated in the following meetings:

- 56th, 57th, and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, and 10-21 March 2014, and held workshops annually highlighting the spiritual empowerment of women and girls.
- High-level Meeting on Youth of the General Assembly of the United Nations, New York, 25-26 July 2011.
- 11th, 12th and 13th Sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 2012-2014, and held a side event, 13 May 2014;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012 and organized two workshops.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As leaders in the NGO community in the Committee of Religious NGOs and Conference of NGOs, URI works with the United Nations agencies in New York, such as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). URI Africa supports the urban development movement

and has signed an agreement with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), becoming an associate partner to the World Urban Campaign. Since 2012, URI has been a planning committee member for the High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

URI's ongoing global programming supports MDGs 1, 2 and 7 with distribution of food and school supplies; educational programming; leadership training; promotion of safe drinking water, improved sanitation, proper hygiene; and disaster relief, while promoting and modelling care and dignity for all. URI is working to end female infanticide where it is still accepted at the community level, promoting the dignity and appreciation of all women.

10. United States Asian American Law Enforcement Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

The United States Asian American Law Enforcement Foundation (USAALEF) was formed in 2003 in an effort to assist the Asian-American community in connecting with information and networking relationships with governmental and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States of America and Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of USAALEF is to promote a mutual understanding between the Asian American community and all international, national, state and local governments and law enforcement agencies. The organization aims to organize events that foster interaction and provide for the special interests and needs of the varying ethnic communities; provide assistance by securing resources to support leadership and community education; and help strengthen the relationship of the general public with all law enforcement agencies and communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

USAALEF participated and contributed to the United Nations' Global Launch of the International Year of Cooperatives as well as the Open-ended working Group on Ageing with the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

USAALEF participated in the following meetings:

– Global Launch of the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC), 31 October 2011, New York;

- Third Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, 21-24 August 2012;
- Fifth and sixth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), 12-14 September 2012, New York;
- 51st session of the Commission for Social Development (CSD), 6-15 February 2013; and
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development, 23 September 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

USAALEF has participated in various and ongoing activities to support the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large, including implementing law enforcement exchange programmes and participating in workshop sessions for public policy and social policy and development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

11. United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation

Special, 1995

Introduction

United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation (UTA) works in areas related to education, access to drinking water, and assistance to refugees.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UTA devoted 2011, 2012 and 2013 to active participation in the sessions of the United Nations and to support for various causes, such as assistance to refugees of Balochistan and Palestinian women. Since 2014, the NGO has re-focused its activities on field work.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2014, the organization's charter was amended to reflect changes to Swiss law. The NGO has concluded partnerships with a number of associations in Africa, the Middle East and Asia and has created various local sections in the form of non-profit associations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information has been provided.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UTA has participated in the meetings of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, and in all conferences held in the period 2011-2014 regarding the environment and humanitarian action in countries at war.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UTA has developed close cooperation with all United Nations agencies headquartered in Geneva during the period covered by the quadrennial report.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

With regard to MDG 1, the NGO has provided assistance to Syrian refugees and to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. With regard to MDG 2, the NGO participates in a preschool education project in Senegal and the establishment of a school for the Syrian refugees. With regard to MDG 3, it participates in a training programme on agriculture for women in Afghanistan. With regard to MDG 7, the NGO participates in a health programme in Nigeria.

12. Univers de solidarité et de développement

Special, 2011

Introduction

Univers de Solidarité et de Développement (UNI.SOL.D) is a non-profit organization dynamically engaged in poverty reduction.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of UNI.SOL.D is to combat poverty by improving the standard of living of the population. To that end, the NGO engages in farming activities, afforestation, assistance to older persons and the poorest, and mobilization of women to create income-generating activities. The NGO seeks to promote solidarity and correspondence among young persons through education, science, culture, sport and leisure.

Significant changes in the organization

There is no change to report.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UNI.SOL.D has served as an intermediate between grassroots population groups and the United Nations, sharing the information received with its target public. During the 2012 and 2013 high-level segments of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the Association submitted a statement of solutions to the issues of eliminating illiteracy and attaining the MDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information has been provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In February 2012, the association cooperated with the United Nations Information Centre in Lome, Togo (UNIC Lome) in setting up United Nations information spaces in high schools. The association also received literacy promotion manuals and training from the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In connection with MDG 2, UNI.SOL.D has carried out two successive classroom construction projects at the public elementary school of Kpalimé, Togo. In the period 2011-2014, approximately one hundred women and men were taught reading and writing in the town of Kpalimé. In connection with MDG 6, since November 2013 the organization has been carrying out a project entitled "HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming" in Kpalimé. Lastly, in connection with MDG 8, a group of children supported by the organization corresponds with children in the town of Roye, France.

13. VAAGDHARA

Special, 2011

Introduction

Voluntary Association for Agriculture, General Development, Health & Reconstruction Alliance (VAAGDHARA) is a non-profit organization, registered under Rajasthan Societies Act 1958 in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association works to benefit the wider tribal community in central India and other similar regions through various development interventions. By 2020, VAAGDHARA plans to develop a tribal junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, India, as a place where children get opportunities for better emotional, physical and educational growth and address issues pertaining to sustainable natural resources management and livelihood in the target area, with a focus on hunger, food sovereignty and access to safe water. VAAGDHARA further wants to build knowledge and promote networking of poor tribal communities to enhance their resilience against climate change and their participation at local, regional, national and international platforms.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the work of the organization has significantly contributed to MDGs 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the 19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd, 26th session the Human Rights Council (HRC) of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva, Switzerland, 27 February-23 March 2012, 18 June-6 July 2012, 10-28 September 2012, 27 May-14 June 2013, 10-17 June 2014. In addition, it organized a side event on "Narratives from Margins: Marginalizing Community envisioning Social Development Agenda" during the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development (CSD), New York, 21 February 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

To ensure the protection of children's rights in India, VAAGDHARA is working on a project in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to improve the capacities and capabilities of stakeholders and communities to mitigate multiple vulnerabilities tribal children face.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has taken the following initiatives towards the realisation of the MDGs:

- MDG 1 and 7: VAAGDHARA has reached more than 5,000 tribal families for livelihood enhancement through horticulture development, sustainable integrated farming system and micro finance;
- MDG 2: The organization has worked with 15,000 children under the age of five and 1,800 girls to increase the access to quality education in the area of South Rajasthan, India;
- MDG 3: The organization works with 5,000 tribal women (directly or indirectly) through formation of women Self Help Groups; and
- MDG 4 and 5: VAAGDHARA has increased the access to quality health services for 3,000 pregnant women, mothers and children under the age of five in the Banswara district of South Rajasthan.

14. Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organisationen

Special, 2011

Introduction

Founded in 1995, the Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungs-Organizationen (VENRO) is an umbrella organization of 120 development and humanitarian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Germany.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VENRO's central goal is to contribute to a just globalisation with a special emphasis on eradicating global poverty. The organization is committed to implementing human rights and conserving natural resources. It represents the variety of development organizations and acts as a forum where positions and

opinions can be developed. It engages in lobbying and watches and comments on state policies concerning developing countries.

Significant changes in the organization

In December 2014, the name of the organization was changed to Verband Entwicklungspolitik und Humanitäre Hilfe deutscher Nichtregierungsorganisationen e.V. (Association of German Development and Humanitarian Aid NGOs). The abbreviation (VENRO) remains unchanged.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

VENRO develops position papers, organizes conferences and workshops and is in regular dialogue with the German Government on issues such as the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and United Nations climate negotiations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

VENRO representatives participated in the following meetings:

- 64th Annual United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, Bonn, Germany, 3-5 September 2011;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012; and
- High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, 30 June-9 July 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

VENRO, particularly via its members, cooperates with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat in Bonn.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

VENRO is actively promoting the MDGs and the post-2015 process amongst its member organizations and in the German wider public with its project "Your voice Against Poverty — Development Needs Participation", which started in 2012.

15. Victim Support Europe

Special, 1995

Introduction

Victim Support Europe (VSE) is an umbrella network of 40 national victim support organizations in 26 countries. Founded in 1990, VSE works toward a Europe where every victim of crime has the right to good standards of independent support services and protection of their freedom, security and justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VSE promotes the establishment and development of victim rights and services throughout Europe. VSE works with the European Union and other international and national actors to: change and improve laws and policies on victims of crime; improve victim support services in all European countries; help individuals working with or in contact with victims to improve their services; and ensure that existing European Union obligations are properly implemented in Members States.

Significant changes in the organization

VSE's office was moved to Brussels, Belgium. Since 2013, VSE has been cooperating with victim support organizations from Europe, Asia, North America and Australia to create the new global organization Victims of Crime International (VOCI). Launched in 2014, the mission of VOCI is to catalyse a unified global voice to represent the needs and views of people affected by crime.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Overall, VSE's work contributes to the United Nations tasks on the prevention of crime and the support of victims of crime, including specific groups, e.g. women, children, victims of human trafficking and harmful traditional practices and other vulnerable groups. This work promotes social equalities, access to justice and the rule of law. More specifically, VSE and its members participate in world awareness days relating to crime victimisation such as Elder Abuse Awareness Day or the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

VSE has worked in close contact with the organization "Intervict", which is collaborating with the United Nations on the review of the United Nations handbook on Justice for Victims.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Although the MDGs do not specifically focus on victims of crime, VSE's work on preventing violence and supporting victims such as women, children, and other vulnerable groups such as irregular migrants and asylum seekers contributes to MDGs 3 and 4. For example, VSE partners with the European Union on harmful traditional practices, elder abuse in close intimate relationships, improving child friendly justice, and meeting the needs of transgender victims.